Mid-term appraisal of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

722. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in its mid-term appraisal for the 10th Plan, Planning Commission has expressed apprehension about the success of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to bring primary education to all;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has made certain recommendations to improve the education system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The recommendations for the implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme indicated in the Mid-Term Appraisal for the Xth Plan conducted by the Planning Commission are:

* The 10th Plan target of enrolling all children in schools and EGS/AIE centres by 2003 should be revised to 2005.
* The remaining out of schools children should be enrolled in regular schools and EGS/AIE centres.
* mainstreaming of children already enrolled in non-formal schools into regular schools should be pursued rigorously.
* High drop-out rate and quality of education should be addressed through specific measures.
* Adequate teaching-learning materials and other joyful learning conditions in schools should be ensured.
* SSA funding pattern of 75:25 between Centre and States should be maintained till the Mission period, i.e., 2010.
* SSA guidelines may be reviewed to meet output targets and cater to special regional circumstances.

* SSA should have a separate component for ECCE where IDCS is not in operation. Convergence with ICDS for the pre-schools component, should be done.

Students going abroad for study

723. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of students who passed senior secondary examinations would not be able to get admission in the colleges because of inadequate capacities;

(b) if so, whether the number of students, who may have to opt studies abroad would increase significantly as a result thereof;

(c) whether the students opting for studies abroad require clearance from Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of persons went abroad for graduation during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are enough opportunities for Higher Education in the country. There are 347 Institutions of higher learning and over 16,000 colleges imparting education at present.

(c) to (e) The Government does not maintain statistics in this regard, as no clearances are required from the Ministry of Human Resource Development for students opting for studies abroad.

Assistance under informal education scheme

†724. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects for which assistance has been provided every year by Government to Uttar Pradesh under the informal education scheme during the last three years;

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